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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/30);
2. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116;
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